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THE CHAPEL



SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

NEW HOSPITAL CHAPEL:**Sunday**

Catholic Mass 6:15 A. M. & 8:30 A. M.
Protestant Worship 10:00 A. M.
Protestant Vespers 7:00 P. M.

RED CROSS AUDITORIUM, NEW HOSPITAL:

Sunday School for Children 10:00 A. M.
NEW HOSPITAL CHAPEL:

Weekdays

Catholic Mass, daily except Wed. 5:30 P. M.

Catholic Mass, Wednesday 8:30 A. M.
Protestant Vesper Service Wed. 7:00 P. M.
RED CROSS AUDITORIUM, OLD HOSPITAL:
Sunday
Catholic Mass 10:00 A. M.
Protestant Worship 9:00 A. M.
Protestant Vespers 5:30 P. M.
Weekdays
Protestant Vesper Service, Wed. 5:30 P. M.

CAN YOU TAKE IT?

Probably you have heard children teasing each other, until one of their number began crying. Then the rest would jeer the unfortunate one, by calling, "Hah! You can't take it!" We smile at such teasing, but it calls forth a pertinent question to us, also. Can we take it?

Can you take a joke? It is easy to laugh when the joke is at someone else's expense, but what if the joke is played on us? A recent college class had two pranksters who enjoyed playing jokes on their classmates. When their fellows became fed up, and gave them a dose of their own medicine, one became very angry, and showed himself to be a poor sport. He couldn't take it. The other laughingly said, "I guess I had it coming, all right, fellows. I've pulled plenty on you!" We admire the fellow who can take a joke when it is on himself.

Can you take criticism? Anyone who does anything at all must face a certain amount of criticism. Some of it is meaningless, and should be ignored. Possibly it merely means that the critics do not understand us, or are envious of us. Some criticism may be false, and may require that we live so as to refute and contradict the false charges. In this, actions speak louder than words. Frequently criticism helps us to see our own weaknesses, and to overcome them. Others can often see defects of which we are entirely unconscious. By bringing them to our attention they help us to overcome them. The person who knows how to take criticism can improve his life in many ways.

Can you take defeat? There are bound to be some defeats in our lives. We cannot always win, or succeed. We know that in football or basketball, some players simply cannot stand being defeated. They "go to pieces" and throw away the game. But it is vastly more important to play the game well than to make a high score.

Finally, can you stand success? Some people can't take that, either. They get a swelled head, and an overbearing attitude, when fortune smiles on them.

We admire people who can "take it." Whether our fortunes be good or bad, let us try to take them in their stride, and make the best of them. This gives us a calm and poise at all times. A close contact with the Almighty can aid us in keeping this poise, and in our ability to "take it."

CHAPLAIN B. H. BOHMFALK.

"A War Expert Views the News"

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VON RUNDSTEDT BLOCKED

(January 20)

The German high command's desperate and spectacular attempt to break through the military straitjacket that was crushing the life out of the Reich, after one month came to a conclusive end January 16 with the capture of the highway hub of Houf-falize by the American First and Third Armies. At the same time Field Marshal Montgomery, in order to continue the German off-balance, sent the British Second Army into a smashing attack against the German salient north of Sittard.

Seventy-two Allied divisions have been publicly identified on the western front under General Eisenhower's command, of which 46 are American divisions. In the last war the United States had 28 divisions in action in France.

CALCULATED RISK

The last of the questions that arose in my mind in connection with the German breakthrough on December 16, was answered satisfactorily in the statement made January 9, 1945, by Lt. Gen. Bradley, commanding the Twelfth Army Group. Part of Bradley's statement was as follows:

"The German attack was the direct result of pressure exerted by the Ninth, First and Third American Armies, and the forces of the Sixth Army Group—against a weakening German defense line. Advances made during November and December were threatening vital German areas (Saar, Ruhr). It was necessary that the Germans launch some diversionary attack in sufficient strength to cause the Allies temporarily to stop their offensive against these vital areas—and to try to gain time.

"The build-up of German forces had been observed in the Cologne area for some weeks before the attack, and the possibility of a German attack through the Ardennes was thoroughly studied by me and my staff.

"In leaving the Ardennes line lightly held, we took what is known in military terminology as a 'calculated risk' to strengthen our northern and southern drives. In other words, instead of employing our surplus divisions in the then

quiet Ardennes, we used them to attack in other sectors.

"This technique of striking boldly while taking calculated risks is what has gotten us to the German border."

A TIDY SHOW

The text of the statement made January 7, 1945, by Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, British Army, Commanding General of the Twenty-first Army Group, fighting north of the German salient in the Ardennes, contains many military expressions that are new—and understandable because they are in the language of battle. It is to be hoped that these common sense expressions will replace the formalized, stilted language of our military text-books and teachings. Here are the most colorful of Montgomery's comments:

"I carried out certain movements so as to provide balanced dispositions to meet the threatened danger.

"Finally it (certain British power) was put into battle with a bang.

"I think possibly (it was) one of the most interesting and tricky battles I have ever handled.

"The first thing to be done was to 'head off' the enemy from the tender spots.

"Having done that successfully, the next thing was to 'see him off'—that is to rope him in and make quite certain that he could not get to places he wanted, and also that he was slowly but surely removed away from those places.

"He was therefore 'headed off' and then 'seen off.' He is now being 'written off,' and heavy toll is being taken of his divisions by ground and air action.

"A fundamental point is shaping the battle to your design. I always maintain that you have got to decide what your design of battle is going to be before you start the battle and so you fight it your way and not anybody else's way and make the enemy dance to your tune.

"You've got to have balance of poise—so balanced that whatever the enemy may do, there will never be any need for you to react to him. If you've got balance, obviously you are not easily pushed off by the other chap.

"So I frequently examine my battle area



and say to myself, 'now I am balanced for anything the enemy may do.'

"When Rundstedt put in his hard blow and parted the American army, it was automatic that the battle area must be untidy. Therefore, the first thing I did when I was brought in and told to take over was to busy myself in getting the battle area tidy—getting it sorted out.

"You must have a well-balanced, tidy show when you are mixed up in a dog-fight. You can't win the big Victory without a tidy show.

"It is team work that pulls you through dangerous times; it is team work that wins battles; it is victories in battle that win wars.

"Nothing must be done by anyone that tends to break down the team spirit of our Allied team.

"Let me tell you that the captain of our team is General Eisenhower. I am absolutely devoted to Ike. We are the greatest of friends. It grieves me when I see uncomplimentary articles about him in the British press. He bears a great burden, he needs our fullest support, he has a

right to expect it, and it is up to all of us to see that he gets it."

LUZON

The penetration of Luzon by General MacArthur so far has proven to be an idyllic adventure, wherein fine roads in great number, villages smothered in flowers, and an enthusiastic populace composed the war picture to a very considerable extent. A correspondent reported having motored 10 miles beyond the front.

I expect to see Yamashita put up a single defense of Manila—along the Rio Grande de la Pampanga, the best natural barrier north of Manila. Somewhere in the vicinity south of Tarlac, Japanese forces pushed to the front to impede MacArthur's advance, are likely to be encountered.

JAPAN'S MAIN STREET

If there is any place in the western Pacific waters which the Japanese might be expected to defend, it is the 120-mile passageway between Formosa and the

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Telephone Center Opens At Brooke General Hospital



BRIEF CEREMONY OPENS TELEPHONE CENTER AT BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL: present for the opening of the Telephone Center on 9 January 1945, were the following, reading left to right: Captain F. J. Mooney, Assistant Post Signal Officer at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Mr. B. M. Brock of the Bell Telephone Company; Mrs. Amos Graves and Mrs. William C. King, Junior League members; Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding General of the hospital; Mrs. Ernest B. Rubsamen, Jr., and Mrs. Perry Shankle, Junior League members; Mr. Leo McIntosh, Camp Representative for Bell Telephone Company; Captain Karl Kamrath, Assistant Post Engineer of the hospital, and Major J. E. Barbee, Post Signal Officer of Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

With emphasis placed on comfort and with plenty of eye appeal, the newly installed Telephone Center at Brooke General Hospital was formally opened by Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding General of the hospital, at a simple ceremony attended by members of the San Antonio Junior League, representatives of the Bell Telephone company, and the Fort Sam Houston Signal Corps.

In accepting the Telephone Center, General Beach thanked Leo McIntosh and B. M. Brock of the telephone company for full cooperation and for an outstanding job of service, and paid particular tribute to Captain Karl Kamrath, Assistant Post engineer for the hospital working under Lt. Col. G. C. Letch, Post Engineer at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. It was from ideas set forth by Captain Kamrath that the hospital now boasts of an installation which

officials of the telephone company claim is "one of the finest if not the most unusual in the United States."

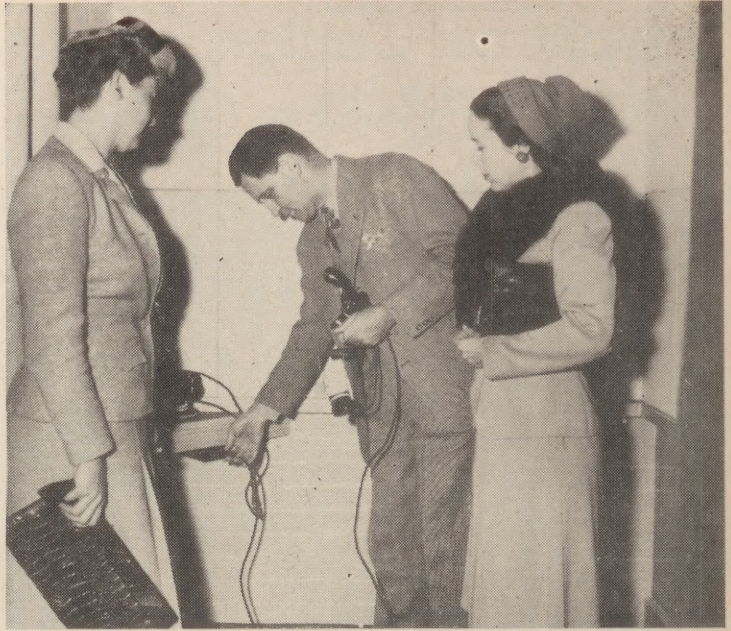
General Beach also extended thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Ernest B. Rubsamen, Jr.; Mrs. William C. King; Mrs. Perry Shankle; and Mrs. Amos Graves, members of the Junior League committee responsible for the purchase of the stunning furniture which was given by the Junior League to the hospital for the Telephone Center.

General Beach expressed a desire to install similar Telephone Centers in annexes of the hospital which would be equipped with four of the new type booths and concluded: "This new Telephone Center will be of real service to the sick and wounded of Brooke General Hospital and certainly a definite contribution to their comfort."

Thinking only of the comfort of the patients, officials of the hospital set forth



Leo McIntosh of the Bell Telephone Company, demonstrates the use of the Operator's Chest set to Mrs. Amos Graves, left and Mrs. William C. King, at the opening of the newly installed Telephone Center at Brooke General Hospital. The Operator's Chest set allows litter patients or patients in casts to talk in comfort when making local or long distance calls.



plans and ideas which would necessitate a new type of booth. When Captain Kamrath was asked how the idea for the new booth originated, he remarked, "We really were up against a difficult proposition. We had to keep in mind the fact that the design of the booth would have to allow for perfect freedom of the patient on crutches with perhaps one or both legs in braces who might have easy access to the telephone without the inconvenience of standing.

"To that end a cantilever type of construction was conceived to take care of the problem involved. Another problem arose: How might a patient carry on a conversation in the open type booth without interfering with the man next? We overcame that problem. Through fortunate circumstances, we were able to obtain special acoustic material for the open type booth and combining this with our cantilever type of construction, our problem worked out perfectly.

"The open booths are lined with a perforated metal pan with an acoustic filler which absorbs sound waves," Captain Kamrath continued. "The result is that the open type of booths are installed and are proving very satisfactory." In so far as we know or the Bell people know, this is the first time this special acoustic material has been used in open type booths in any installation in the United States."

The Telephone Center, conveniently located in the basement of the new hospital

is spacious and comfortably furnished. The walls are finished in light beige with a wainscoting effect in deep tan. The floor is of inlaid tile in restful two-tone green. The Ranch Style furniture which was selected by General Beach as the most comfortable type for patients, is the gift of the San Antonio Junior League. There are plenty of lounges and chairs with attractive pillow seats and backs of natural pink goatskin. Tables and lamps are placed conveniently too, in order that the patient may read or smoke while awaiting his long distance call to be completed. Hunting scene prints on the walls relieve any further suggestion of severity.

Placed comfortably low on two of the walls of the Telephone Center are 12 booths, 6 of which are for local calls and 6 for long distance. Attractive signs call attention to this fact and after regular hours, these telephones are reversed; the 6 used during daytime for local calls become long distance phones and vice versa. When this is affected, the signs need only to be flipped over to call attention to the change.

A separate booth partially enclosed has been installed in one corner of the Telephone Center and from this booth, a wheel chair or litter patient may place long distance or local calls. He has only to draw a green corduroy curtain to make his calls private for the walls of the room are also lined with the same acoustic material as

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Mrs. Perry Shankle, left, and Mrs. Ernest Rubsamen, Jr., try out the ingenious open-type booths in the newly installed Telephone Center at Brooke General Hospital. Special acoustic material lines the booths and eliminates interference of conversations carried on by persons sitting adjoining.



RANCH STYLE FURNITURE IN THE TELEPHONE CENTER, GIFT OF THE SAN ANTONIO JUNIOR LEAGUE, is sturdily constructed with comfortable pillow seats and backs of natural pink goatskin. Mrs. Ernest Rubsamen headed the committee consisting of Mrs. William C. King, Mrs. Amos Graves and Mrs. Perry Shankle, who purchased the furniture from the Dallas Furniture Company, after the style had been selected by General Beach.



Another corner of the Telephone Center showing the attractive Ranch Style furniture presented to the Center by the San Antonio Junior League.



Looking up telephone numbers in their Home State Telephone Directories, are (left to right): Sgt. Dan G. Shelby of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Pvt. James W. Green of Winfield, Alabama. These books are located at the "Out-of-Town Directories" counter of the Telephone Center of Brooke General Hospital.



Mrs. Marguerite McDonald, Senior Operator of the New Telephone Center at Brooke General Hospital, and of San Antonio, takes the necessary information from Sgt. Willie Smith of Port Arthur, Texas, for his long-distance call home. Waiting in line to place their calls, are Pfc. Wallace G. Hay of Buffalo, Alabama, and Sgt. Dan G. Shelby of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



Waiting for their calls home, men talk and read in the comfort of the Telephone Center at Brooke General Hospital. Left to right, Pfc. Wallace G. Hay of Buffalo, Alabama, just returned from Belgium; Sgt. Dan G. Shelby of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, back from Leyte Island; Sgt. Willie Smith of Port Arthur Texas, wounded in Italy; Pvt. Perry A. Lackey of Birmingham, Alabama, wounded near Metz, Germany, and Pvt. James W. Green of Winfield, Alabama, also back from Metz.



Sgt. Smith is pictured as his call came through at one of the six long distance booths located in the new Telephone Center of Brooke Hospital. Sgt. Smith, whose home is in Port Arthur, Texas, was wounded December 4, 1943, at Cassino, Italy, by enemy artillery fire. He wears the Silver Star and Purple Heart and has been a patient at Brooke since June 16, 1944.



Pictured making a long distance call from the Special Equipped Telephone Booth of the New Telephone Center at Brooke General Hospital, to his home in Eight Mile, Alabama, is Private Marion E. Crawford. This specially equipped booth is sound absorbent and is used by patients who are unable to sit at a regular booth.



Bedside Phone Service, Too



FIRST BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL PATIENT to make a long distance call over the new bedside phone installed at the hospital, was Private Joseph Maniscalco of Brooklyn, New York, who talked with his father there. With Private Maniscalco in the picture, are Leo McIntosh, Camp Representative for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and Second Lieutenant Hortense Mota of the Army Nurses Corps' staff of the hospital.

TELEPHONE CENTER OPENS

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that of the open booths. If the patient is one unable to use either arm, an attendant will adjust an operator's chest set with ear-phones attached and he can still talk in comfort. Should hearing be impaired, there is an amplifier which is easily controlled so that patients may hear distinctly.

The service counter serves a dual purpose. Not only are calls for long distance placed here, but the counter holds the switchboard and equipment. An attendant may still aid a patient without interfering with the placing of calls. The front is panelled red oak with an antique waxed finish which resembles bleached mahogany. The top is beautifully inlaid in deep green and pale yellow and its center holds the familiar bell trademark of the Bell Telephone company. Another counter, finished in the same wood holds telephone directories of all the key cities of the United States and all towns in Texas.

Attendants are on duty from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. and if long distance calls come in after duty hours, the patients are in-

formed through the Information Office of the hospital. If a patient wants to place a call after 9 p.m. a pass from his ward officer allows him to visit the Telephone Center and place his call through the main telephone exchange in San Antonio.

For the bed patient, there is a specially equipped, portable telephone cart which can be rolled right to the bedside. When the first bedside call was made, an operator's chest set was used in addition to the regular phone. This however is not now necessary.

The call made by Pvt. Maniscalco, pictured above, was a test made by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company prior to the installation of the special bedside telephone equipment, which now allows any bed patient in the hospital to make long distance calls home.

With the new Telephone Center at Brooke working satisfactorily and with the difficulties overcome in the design of the new type booth it is more than likely the telephone company will recommend the installation of this type of Telephone Center at installations and hospitals where similar problems are involved.

The First Infantry Engagements On European Soil In World War II

One of a Series of Articles on "TEXAS HEROES OF WORLD WAR II,"

By Colonel Martin Lalor Crimmins,
U. S. Army, Retired

First Lieutenant Keith Wickliffe of San Antonio may have commanded the first U. S. Infantry soldiers to fire a hostile shot on European soil in World War II—I say MAY, because in that night landing at Salerno, they say the action started from the right flank and he commanded Co. I, Third Battalion, 141st Infantry, on our extreme right.

At 3:25 a.m. on September 9, 1943, 20 boats set out in the initial party—Wickliffe had 27 men in his boat. The night before General Dwight Eisenhower announced the SURRENDER OF ITALY which, strange as it seems, made the situation more difficult. The Navy could not open up with a bombardment, because the Italians were no longer at war with us. We did not know how much the Germans would oppose the landing nor how well they were entrenched. No artillery support was available to cover our landing, so our troops had to go to see what would happen. Our men were armed with Garands and Bazookas and a day's supply of ammunition when these Texas Infantrymen fearlessly set foot on European soil in opening up what Prime Minister Churchill called the THIRD FRONT.

To the amazement of the dauntless Texans, the first gun emplacements of the Germans on the beach, were unmanned and they did not meet any enemy resistance until they had gone 300 yards from shore. About 9 a.m. the Germans counter-attacked near a bridge which crossed the canal leading from Salerno to the sea and the third battalion, 141st Infantry made the stand that won it the Presidential Citation. The Third Battalion had no tank support. The Germans attacked with 9 Tiger Flanks. The Third Battalion had been cut off from the regiment. The First Battalion was held down by enemy machine gun fire and the Second Battalion by delayed landing operations. The third stood up and fought the enemy with grenades and bazookas until they could consolidate.

The German tanks drove then into the canal and they enfiladed them. About this time our artillery got into action and the enemy tanks beat a hasty retreat. Lieutenant Wickliffe fought all the way to Cassino and was wounded in the neck by shrapnel October 23, 1943 and on December 24th he cracked his ankle in advancing over a hill at San Vittori.

CAPTAIN KARL KAMRATH RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION IN NATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL CONTEST

Captain Karl Kamrath, with the Post Engineer's Office at Fort Sam Houston, who is Engineering Officer for Brooke General Hospital, has received notification that he has been awarded Honorable Mention in a Nation-wide Architectural Contest sponsored by the Bituminous Coal Institute, for the design of "Flexible Heating" for a normal 6-room residence.

Rules of the contest called for a heating system that would be flexible to the extent it might use coal, gas or fuel oil. The contest also specified that particular attention was to be given to the balance of the basement design to coordinate with the first floor house plan, the design of which was a part of the contest.

Judgment of the entries took place several weeks ago in New York with five nationally-known architects judging. The contest with approximately 1500 entries was open for a period of three months. Captain Kamrath's award besides Honorable Mention, includes \$100.00 in cash.

Captain Kamrath, before entering active duty in the Engineer's Branch of the Army, had his own architectural office in Houston, Texas, which is his home. The firm is known as MacKie and Kamrath, A.I.A., Architects.

Over a period of 6 years, Captain Kamrath has competed in 7 national contests, winning 6 awards out of the seven competitions he entered.

We have since discovered that Captain Kamrath holds several national tennis championship titles one of them with "Bitsy" Grant.

National Commander of American Legion Visits Brooke Hospital



Edward N. Scheiberling, National Commander of the American Legion, is shown at Colonel John C. Woodland's right in the photo above, immediately upon arrival at the Brooke General Hospital on Monday, January 15th. Others in the party included Henry Love, Texas Department Commander, Henry Weiner, 20th District Commander, Henri L. Warren, Third Division Commander, Jack E. Reinhard, Herman G. Nami and Colonel Martin Lalor Crimmins, U. S. Army, retired, of the San Antonio post No. 10.

Brooke General Hospital was honored by a visit from Edward N. Scheiberling, National Commander of the American Legion on Monday, January 15th.

Colonel Woodland, Chief of the Medical Service, acting Commanding Officer of Brooke in the temporary absence of Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Commanding General met the visitors on their arrival in the lobby of the main building, new hospital. Colonel Woodland escorted Com-

mander Scheiberling's party to the roof of the hospital where the old hospital section, various annexes and other constructions of the Brooke General Hospital were pointed out.

Colonel M. L. Crimmins headed the group which met the party at Brooke Hospital and Herman G. Nami headed the group which escorted the party to the Alamo, where the Commander placed a wreath.

The Fort Sam Houston Officers' Club Announces

"MARCH OF DIMES" DANCE

Wednesday, January 31st—8:30 p. m. till Midnight

PROCEEDS FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS FUND

Members of the Fort Sam Houston Officers' Club and their guests will dance to the alternate music of two orchestras at the "March of Dimes" Dance on Wednesday, 31st January. The Club will be especially decorated for the occasion and a Grand March will open the event.

A WAR EXPERT VIEWS THE NEWS

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coast of China. Through that narrow water corridor passes all the transports and cargo ships of the Nipponese government, carrying men and materiel to and from the vast subjugated domain surrounding the South China Sea.

Main Street of Japan's stolen holdings stretches for 1700 miles from Singapore to Formosa. Admiral Halsey has boldly moved the Third Fleet along the upper two-thirds of Main Street, from Saigon in French Indo-China, to Amoy, northeast of Hongkong. The British fleet which operates out of the Bay of Bengal, soon can be expected to move into the southern third of this water boulevard, to bring about the recapture of Singapore.

EASTERN REICH CRACKED

The fall of Warsaw three days ago was indicative of the magnitude of Russia's winter offensive inaugurated on January 12, Marshal Zhukov's powerful army, the First White Russian, which drove westward across the Polish plains from two Vistula bridgeheads south of Warsaw and took Radom, sent its right wing into an encircling movement of Warsaw. The Germans had previously evacuated the Polish capitol in the face of certain defeat did they remain longer.

Southwest of Radom lies Kielce, captured January 15 by Marshal Konev's First Ukraine Army. Two days later these troops took Cracow. Four powerful German bastions—Cracow, Kielce, Radom and Warsaw fell within six days. Numerous quick honors were bestowed by Premier Stalin for these victories, a sure indication that a new and vast Soviet campaign had opened.

German's eastern front has cracked under the powerful Russian pressure exerted from Budapest through Warsaw into East Prussia.

GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS

A recent Moscow broadcast which indicated that Russia intended to deal with German war criminals in her own way, caused some anxiety in London, where the implications of the broadcast were coupled with reports that the Allied war crimes commission, on which Russia is not represented, was failing in its obligations. Ilya Ehrenberg, prominent Moscow newspaper man, writing in Pravda disclosed no new policy, but merely refreshed the world's memory of a recorded agreement when he said:

"We ourselves will judge our torturers and this we will entrust to nobody. We

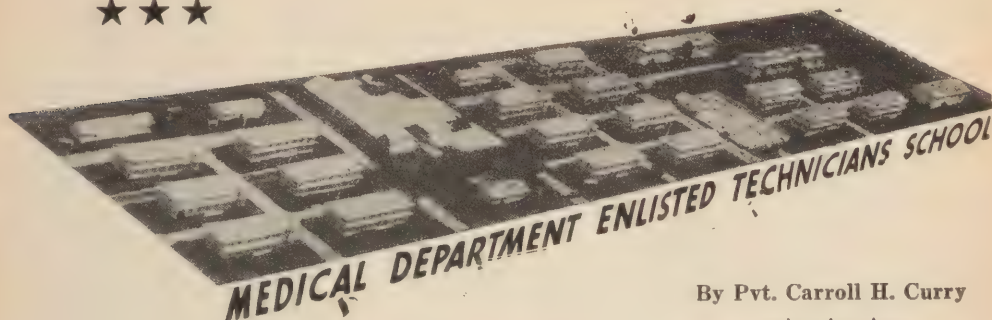
awaken with the thought of Berlin and with the same thought we lie down to sleep. When we are silent we think of Berlin and in our sleep we do not forget."

Long months ago it was settled that Germans guilty of crimes against Russia would be tried at the scene of their crimes, by the peoples whom they had outraged. It must not be forgotten that crimes committed against Russia are thousands of times as numerous as those committed against other Allied nations. In cases where the offenses of German criminals cannot be localized, they will be handled by a joint Allied commission. Evidently Russia considered that nothing was to be gained by having a representative on the war crimes commission at this time.

At the Moscow conference of October, 1943, the foreign secretaries of the United States, Great Britain and Russia issued a declaration, signed by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin, containing a solemn warning that at the time of granting an armistice to any German government, those German officers, and men and members of the Nazi party, who shall have had any connection with atrocities and executions in countries overrun by German forces, would be taken back to the countries in which their abominable crimes were committed, to be punished according to the laws of those countries. Thus Germans who shared in slaughter inflicted on the people of the Soviet Union "will know that they will be brought back to the scene of their crimes and judged on the spot by the peoples whom they have outraged." The declaration went on to say that "most assuredly the three Allied Powers will pursue them (the guilty) to the uttermost ends of the earth and will deliver them to their accusers in order that justice may be done."

That policy was established by the heads of government of the three Allied powers, and in the declaration it was said that they spoke in the interest of the 32 United Nations. Furthermore, there was the definite implication in the declaration that its mere publication was full warning to the government of Germany of the solemnity of the decision.

Certainly Germany would like now, before laying down her arms on the basis of unconditional surrender, to bargain her way out of the future punitive action to be taken against Hitler, Himmler, Goebbels, and other war criminals. But no such concession will be made by President Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill declared again recently to the House of Commons that the war against Germany will be prolonged until "unconditional surrender has been obtained."



By Pvt. Carroll H. Curry



TALK OF THE "CAMPUS"

Hey, Joe! You like da spaghet' and pol-petta? One day last week, the headquarters staff was treated to a meal of spaghetti, prepared by T/5 Fradella's wife. Now, if they'll just keep up that custom—and invite some visitors now and then.

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Margaret, the mainstay of headquarters, wishes to publish the fact that Pfc. Barksdale Payne is unmarried—and in the market. There are some very nice looking WACs in the area.

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The school parking lot is being spruced up lately. T/4s LeGate and Alexander have added their autos to the choice collection. Don't park beside Capt. Ball's "S. A. Cannonball," though, boys. That Ford is in a class all by itself.

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Work measurement seems to be the order of the day in this organization. Major Scott, the man with the brand new gold leaves, wonders how he's going to measure the work done by T/3 Kupferschmidt.

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T/4 Kokemoor has been voted the fastest man in the school. He may be seen at any time during the day, with his inevitable helmet-liner cocked to one side, hurrying around the area with a load of mail under his arm—that is when he has his feet off the desk.

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Student "Abe" Wodka has been wandering around the Dental Section with a blank unseeing stare ever since he heard that his wife is coming to visit him. Golly, "Abe," is married life that bad?

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We were framed in the last issue. The building was only twelve stories high. Capt. Stout repeats again and again, "We shall see what we shall see." Tsk, tsk! And we can't even talk back to an officer. We're

enclosing a blue pencil with the copy this time.

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ATT: "Plantation" Curry—with a feeling of mixed emotions, your editor opened the box containing the blue pencil. With sincere appreciation, the gift is accepted with a half-hearted promise it will be put to some use in the future. On the other hand though, the pencil could also mysteriously disappear . . . !

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Some of the officers of this school pale when the word "stove" is mentioned. But, no one will vouchsafe any information about the stove deal. ????

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Once again the spotlight must turn to Pfc. Crecelius of Co. "A." For some hidden reason, people have been calling the personnel office to find out about his lurid past.

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It has been noted that the staff of the Medical Section—especially Captains Benes and Haines—are always exceedingly anxious to get classes started ahead of time. Seibert's guess as to the reason is that there are many feminine students in the classes nowadays.

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The WAC personnel of the school have been having their teeth checked in the Dental Clinic. The clinic is continually cluttered up by the staff of the Medical Section—keeping an eye on their students. When Norma Saathoff reported for dental work, she was escorted by Major Renick, T/4 Toro, and Private Seibert. Gentlemen, please! There are no wolves in the clinic.

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1st Sgt. Skinner says he can just faintly remember how to tie a Windsor and insert cuff links. Oh, the things this army does to a fellow!

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A suggestion has been made that Co. "A" take up a collection to buy S/Sgt. Per-

kins, Co. "A's" acting 1st Sgt., a garrison cap. That helmet liner is just a bit too loud, with the oversize chevrons.

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Our mess hall would have to go out of business if it wasn't patronized by Capt. "Chow" Kroner and Private "Feedbag" Theemling. However, Lt. Edwin Wasserman is running them a close third. We pick Capt. Kroner to win, Theemling to place, and Lt. Wasserman to show.

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Wanted: Spike Jones' recording of "Dark Eyes." If you know where one can be obtained, contact Pfc. Walter Williford. Timber-r-r-r!!!

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A final note: Company "A" battle cry is now, "Aahh, haaaa! Snake Hill!"

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Maybe some characteristics of our instructors would help you recognize them—if you're interested. First, there's Robert Snyder's laugh—then, Angelo DiPasquale's luck—Frank Wheeler's noise—Fred Theemling's appetite—William Burmeister's shyness—H. Tidd's sarcasm—Brad Davis' gripes—R. Guthrie's importance—Hulin Carlton's yankee accent—Don Hurst's bald dome—Mac Macklin's corny humor—"Alvy" Bradley's weight—John Baeyens' "take a card—any card" phrase—Bill Hudson's ever-present pipe—and, of course, Don Grimmer's sobriety.

"EFFECTIVE, C. O. B."*

Just as I think I will have time for reflection.

In comes a new girl, for the payroll section.

I make out her sheet and figure her pay, Then she decides she wants some Class A.

Then just as I get my ledger arranged, She comes by to say her status has changed.

When I figure next month's account just the same, She marries some guy and changes her name.

Then, I guess, for the sake of this rhyme, The Government decides to pay overtime.

When I get this done—I work like a fool And hand in the roll, they change the rule!

Again, I think, I'll relax my mind But now comes the word: The Gal's resigned!

I make a Form 25, then they write in to say,

It's all been cancelled—she's on leave without pay.

I put down figures, then blot them all out, Till no one knows what my ledger's about.

Now, just between orders "U" and me, I'm ready to go on some kind of spree.

So I'm going out and marry some jerk And give up the trials of a payroll clerk.

—Eloise Brunson.

*Close of Business.



The United States Armed Forces Institute Courses Prominent Feature of Convalescent Reconditioning Training Program



Left to right, seated, are: Pfc. Benjamin J. Riddle of Henderson, Texas; Sgt. Nieves Lopez of Galveston, Texas; Sgt. James E. Holson of Breckenridge, Texas; Pfc. Herschel M. Eddington of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Pvt. Isidro Santos of Austin, Texas—all convalescent members of the Reconditioning Unit at Brooke, taking United States Armed Forces Institute Courses. Standing is the Librarian, Pfc. Jack Kalbfleisch of Buffalo, New York.

The development of classes in USAFI courses is one of the important features of the Convalescent Reconditioning Training Program. These classes are operated under the Business and Academic School Section, which is equipped as to classroom facilities and instructor personnel to accommodate the various interests of the patients.

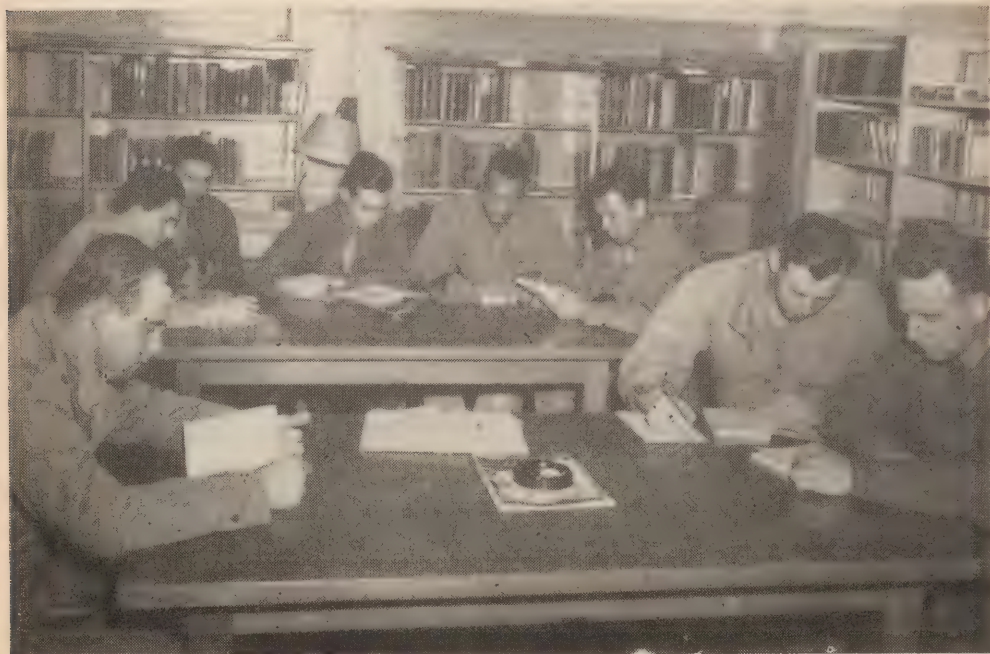
It has been said that the United States has the best educated army in the world. Not only is the general level of education of service men in the present war appreciably above that of the First World War, but vastly more is being done to continue the education and training of our service men this time than was ever done before. Indeed, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the Coast Guard, cooperating in the enterprise, have established a comprehensive program of education which is designed to function wherever American Service Men may be found, whether in the Continental United States or theaters of Operation. This program of education has been given form under the name of United States Armed Forces Institute, commonly referred to as USAFI. The Headquarters of the In-

stitute, is in Madison, Wisconsin, and there are at present nine branches in theatres of operation outside the United States.

The purpose of the USAFI educational program is two-fold: (1) to provide specialized training for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the service man, and (2) to increase his usefulness as a citizen when he is released from active duty in the service.

The courses offered by USAFI cover a wide range of subject matter at the high school and college levels and technical-vocational subjects besides. In addition to the large number of courses provided directly by the Institute, many hundreds of extension courses are available through the Institute from over eighty co-operative colleges and universities.

Institute courses may be taken individually as self-teaching courses or as correspondence courses. These may also be taken by classes if a sufficient number of service men and women enroll and instructors are available. The college and university courses are taken by correspondence directly with the institutions con-



At the front table, left to right: S/Sgt. Edwin A. Micken of Navasota, Texas; Pvt. James J. Garvin of McArthur, Ohio, and T/4 Edmund E. Leap of Kyle, Texas. At the second table, left to right, are: Pvt. Isidro Santos of Austin, Texas, Sgt. Nieves Lopez of Galveston, Texas, Sgt. James E. Hobson of Breckenridge, Texas, Pfc. Herschel M. Eddington of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Pfc. Benjamin F. Riddle of Henderson, Texas. These members of the Reconditioning Unit are all planning for their future by taking prescribed courses of study.

cerned after enrollment has been completed through USAFI.

Enlisted personnel of the Brooke General Hospital (Army enlisted and officer personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) may enroll with the United States Armed Forces Institute by paying a fee of \$2.00. After the initial enrollment a service man may complete as many courses in succession as he wishes without the payment of any further fees.

Upon completion of any USAFI COURSE THE ENROLLEE MAY apply for an end-of-course examination and also request the Institute to send an accreditation report to any high school or college in which he has previously been a student. It is the policy of most high schools and colleges to allow credit toward graduation for courses completed under the United States Armed Forces Institute.

The Army's Reconditioning Program Speeds Return of Wounded to Duty

The Army's reconditioning program is speeding the release of patients in United States Hospitals and making room for more wounded soldiers, the War Department reported recently.

Patients in advanced reconditioning classes are being returned to duty at the rate of 6,000 a week in the United States, according to Major General Norman T.

Kirk, the Surgeon General of the Army. Approximately 2,000 others are being discharged each week.

Reconditioning, which was compared in importance to sulfa and penicillin at a recent District of Columbia Medical Society meeting, complements medical care by providing physical, educational, occupational and diversional activities.



Members of the Reconditioning Unit at Brooke participate in their first volley-ball tournament. Company "B" men are the champions.



Company "B" produces champion volley-ball players at the Reconditioning Unit: The champions include, back row — Cpl. Thomas Champion of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Sgt. Clarence V. Barham of Hammond, Indiana; S/Sgt. John Thomas of Los Angeles, California; front row — Pfc. Concerro Alberte of Milwaukee Wisconsin; Pfc. Alexander Tolonowski of Marion, Illinois, and T/4 Leo Wawizyniakowski of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



CHAMPIONSHIP VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RECONDITIONING UNIT, ANNEX IV

In the first volleyball tournament held in the Reconditioning Unit, Annex IV, Company "B" came through as champions. The tournament was hotly contested throughout and after a series of very good games in which all companies, the enlisted cadre and an officer team participated, the

team representing Company "B" and the enlisted cadre teams met for the final game.

The first game went to Company "B" by the score of 21 to 3. In the second game, the cadre rallied to lead at half-time but were nosed out, 21-17, at the end.

A trophy goes to Company "B" for this victory. Subsequent volleyball tournaments will be played and the first company to win the trophy three times will be awarded permanent ownership.

Our Armed Forces overseas can't shoot without guns and ammunition, can't advance without tanks and transportation, can't eat unless ships provide them with food . . . THINK IT OVER, and —

BUY ANOTHER BOND TODAY!



MR. SIDNEY BERKOWITZ of Frost Brothers, San Antonio, as viewed by Pvt. Stan Louis, convalescent at the Reconditioning Unit, while delivering the third of an Educational Reconditioning sponsored series of "Post-War Opportunities" talks on December 15th.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR VETERANS

Temporary spells of unemployment after discharge from the service need no longer frighten the veteran and his family. To cover forced periods of idleness, financial help is now available either through State or Federal sources.

Every state has an unemployment compensation law providing for weekly payments to an unemployed worker based on previous work on a "covered" job, and almost all of the States have passed laws keeping alive for the servicemen the insurance right he had under his State law before he entered the service. If you were employed in "covered" work prior to your entry into service—and that in most cases simply means you worked on a job with a private employer in a factory, mill, store, shop, office, etc.—you may be able to receive benefits under your State law in the event you become unemployed after your return to civilian life. If you have no rights under your State law, weekly payments are available through a Federal program; and should you be eligible under both a State law and the Federal program, you are entitled to benefits under both programs, except that the money you get

under the State law is deducted from the amount you are entitled to receive under the Federal program.

Under the Federal program you may receive eight weeks of allowance for each of the first three months and four weeks of allowance for each succeeding month of active service between September 16, 1940 and the end of the war, up to a maximum of fifty-two weeks. If you are completely unemployed, you get \$20 a week. If you are partially unemployed, you will receive the difference between what you make for the week and \$23; and if you happen to be in business for yourself and your net earnings for any month are less than \$100, you receive the difference between what you made for the month and \$100.

The eligibility requirements under the Federal program are few in number. You must have served in the Army after September 16, 1940, and before the end of the present war. You must have been discharged or released from the Army under conditions other than dishonorable after at least ninety days of service or because of injury or disability incurred in the line of duty, if your service was less than ninety days. Your unemployment must begin within two years after either your discharge or the end of the war, whichever is later, and when you file a claim you must be able to work and available for work, totally or partially unemployed, and have been registered for work at a public employment office.

There are circumstances under which you may be disqualified from receiving allowances under the Federal program. But these circumstances relate to situations in which you are responsible for your unemployment. Benefits cannot be obtained, for example, if you quit a job voluntarily without good cause, or are discharged from a job for misconduct, or fail to accept a suitable job when it is offered to you. However, even in these instances, you are barred from receiving benefits only for the week in which the act occurred and for not more than the four weeks immediately following unless, for special reasons in a particular case, the period is extended by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. You may also be barred from receiving benefits for any week in which your unemployment is due to a stoppage of work existing because of a labor dispute in which you are participating or are directly interested.

When you are discharged, full information as to your rights to employment and allowances during unemployment may be obtained at your nearest United States Employment Office.

Andy Anderson, Sports and Fishing Editor, Visits Brooke General



Andy Anderson, Sports and Fishing Editor, visits Brooke General Hospital and gives some of Brooke's patients a few pointers on the fine art of fishing. Left to right with Andy, are: Pfc. Floyd L. Jackson of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Corporal Ewalt A. Goertz of Mountain View, Oklahoma, and T/4 Alvin McCluskey of Baldwin, Wisconsin. All of the men above have returned from combat service overseas.

World War II Veterans at Brooke General Hospital were initiated into the fine art of fishing on January 17th when Andy Anderson, sports editor and fishing authority of The Houston Press, Houston, Texas, offered his program to patients here.

Andy's show consisted of demonstrations in fly tying, rod and bait building, bait and fly casting. He showed an action movie of fishin' expeditions and related scores of humorous stories. The yarns concern baseball, boxing, fishing and incidents in other sports gathered during Andy's 25 years as sports editor.

Andy has appeared before 4000 war vet-

terans and offers his program to the patients without cost.

He has reduced the mechanics of bait and fly casting to a minimum and in many instances boys learn to cast after only 30 minutes' practice. Andy also does a few trick shots and injects a lot of fun into the program. His program started with tours of the wards and visits with "shut-ins." He also conducted classes in Occupational Therapy and the casting program was staged in the auditorium of the Red Cross House. The moving picture show climaxed the program.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES AT B.G.H.

"A BRAND NEW 'HOW DO YOU DO' TO ALL BROOKE'S PATIENTS"

By Mrs. Amy Maret
Red Cross Recreation Worker

We're glad Uncle Sam selected Brooke General Hospital as your temporary home. We want to dispense with long introductions and become close friends immediately. Will you join us tomorrow morning and every morning at our regular "Coffee Hour" at 9:30? At that time we usually all get together and make plans on how to enjoy the day.

The "Coffee Hour" is a wonderful way to start each day. Bring any suggestions to the Red Cross Building at that time.

The Gray Ladies will welcome you bright and early any day and aid you with all those extra small details which add up to making your stay at Brooke a pleasant one, with good memories for your future.

The men in the wards are a large contribution to our program too, for the Gray Ladies are always covering the hospital to fill in for that person at home.

Each week's outline is planned in advance and the more we see the patients of Brooke, the better we learn to know them and to understand their ideas and likes. Each day immediately after the coffee hour, a Special Service movie is shown in the Red Cross Auditorium. These movies cover every conceivable subject are a general favorite at Brooke.

Four evenings each week, at 7 p.m., a stage show is presented by local personalities. To try to cover what goes on at every show would be futile. We invite you over for everything from magic art to fiesta music. Two evenings at 6:30 p.m. and incidentally at 2:30 in the afternoon, there are movies.

Men in the wards are included in a rapidly expanding movie schedule which promises first run movies to every bed patient at Brooke.

Last but not least, are the parties that fill the only remaining day. Once a month the Red Cross Auditorium is transformed into a huge dance floor. The men arrive in uniform to be hosts to dozens of attractive girls from San Antonio. A full orchestra furnishes the music, and refreshments are served at small tables bordering the floor.

Parties are a favorite here for they abound with gaiety and excitement and friendliness.

Birthdays are loads of fun, too; so let us know about yours so we can help plan your celebration with you.

When we reluctantly have to see you depart from Brooke General, the Red Cross wants you to feel you have been one of us. The more you drop in and the better we get to know you, the more fun we'll all find together.

The Red Cross Building just across the way from the main hospital building wants to be one of your most pleasant of Army homes.

WARD 9 PARTY

Reported by Mrs. Amy Maret
Recreation Worker

Surprised faces bobbed around corners all afternoon and were tempted to come to the party. Groups of men hid the small piano from view but Corporal Herbert Koch's head was clearly visible. His music is gay and lively with always a repertoire to suit the men's likes. His assistant, Corporal McCord led the singing. Most of the hit songs of the week were repeated many times. The general party spirit was caused as much by lovely Charlene Hillje as any item on the program. She played modern music on her already well-known accordion. Miss Hillje helped the Gray Lady give each man a gift of a deck of cards. The cards were truly Texas in design and we hope the men take them home as souvenir of their days here. Towards the end of the party the music hour lengthened with Miss Hillje playing personal favorites of the men.

Another incentive kept drawing men to ward 9. Steaming cups of hot chocolate, melting marshmallow and all were passed to the men by the Gray Lady. The cool, rainy day made the warm chocolate especially tasty. We really believe the men sang better after the refreshments.

Every second Thursday afternoon we invite ward 9 men to be our guests at a party in their ward. A good time is guaranteed.

"OLD" HOSPITAL NEWS

By Mary Reed Simpson
Recreation Worker

A lively musical quiz program was held at the Red Cross Building No. 2 on January 11. The patient teams made enthusiastic responses to win their prizes.

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Jesse Akers with his trained pony, mule, and bull rodeo act was rather an unusual show for the Red Cross stage. Pat Armstrong and Miss Jasper with their Hill-billy songs certainly added to the program.

Major General Richard Donovan Designates February as Accident Prevention Month

The number of lost-time accidents to Eighth Service Command civilian employees was cut nearly in half in 1944, but still more intensive effort in prevention was called for today by Major General Richard Donovan, commanding general, when he again designated February as Accident Prevention Month.

When February, 1944, was observed as Accident Prevention Month in the command, accidents to civilian employees were reduced by approximately two-thirds under the lost time injuries reported in the same month of 1943. For the entire year of 1944 there were 1147 civilian employees injured at Eighth Service Command posts, camps and stations, representing a reduction of 44 per cent in the number of injuries under the total for 1943.

"This gratifying progress was made through the efforts of commanding officers and their post safety directors," said General Donovan. "Nevertheless, more intensive effort must be exerted toward prevention of accidents."

At the same time, increased emphasis on accident prevention among military personnel is continuing from Eighth Service Command headquarters. The biggest problem in this program, it was said, continues to be injuries sustained by military personnel in traffic accidents while off duty.

Captain Raymond N. Barr, Post Safety Director at Brooke General Hospital appeals to the Military and Civilian Personnel to participate in Accident Prevention Month by following all measures for safety, by driving with care and by observing traffic rules and courtesies.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES ANNOUNCED BY THE SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The San Antonio Symphony Society has opened advance reservations for Grand Opera Festival Week, to feature four performances of "grand opera in the grand manner" with a Metropolitan Opera House cast on February 20, 22, 24 and 25. Tickets now are available at the Municipal Auditorium as low as \$1 for enlisted personnel, and with first-comers getting best seats. Such favorites as Grace Moore, Nino Martini, Frederick Jagel, Igor Gorin, Lucille Browning, John Dudley and six other "Met" artists are to be heard in "La Boheme," "Cavalleria Rusticana," and "I Pagliacci," with Max Reiter conducting the entire Symphony Orchestra in the scores. The Festival offers grand opera at Metropolitan Opera House standards for the first time in South Texas.

With Max Reiter directing the 80-piece orchestra, now rated among the nation's 20 major symphonic organizations, besides Grand Opera the following soloists will be heard on the dates listed: Larry Adler and Paul Draper (special non-subscription concert), Feb. 3; Rudolf Serkin, pianist, Feb. 10; Jan Peerce, tenor, March 3; Jascha Heifetz, violinist, March 10, and Rise Stevens, mezzo-soprano, March 17.

Concerts start at 8:15 p.m. each Saturday night at the Municipal auditorium in San Antonio. Mail orders from out-of-town patrons are honored at the box office.

GOLF EXPERTS GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO OVERSEAS VETERANS AT BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

Members of Brooke General Hospital's Reconditioning Unit as well as ambulatory patients from all sections of the hospital had the opportunity the past week to meet and talk with such golf experts as Craig Wood, Bob Hamilton, Ed Dudley, Byron Nelson, Jimmy Hines, Harold (Jug) McSpaden, Johnny Revolta and Sam Byrd, when the team made its appearance in an exhibit marking the start of a national instruction tour to show servicemen in hospitals and Reconditioning Units the finer points of the game of golf.

The idea was promoted by Private First Class Ashley Loefea of the Detachment, Medical Department at Brooke General Hospital when he recently spent a furlough in Los Angeles, California and attended the Golf Tournament held there the early part of January.

Let's get busy everybody and turn in some

"IDEAS FOR VICTORY"

for ideas on improving working methods or for suggestions on safety precautions civilian workers can be awarded

\$5.00 to \$250.00 locally

Besides the local awards, your suggestions can bring you an additional national award.

NEWS FROM THE

ARMY NURSE CORPS

NURSE SHORTAGE GRAVE
SAYS SURGEON GENERAL

Not since Pearl Harbor has The Surgeon General's Office been confronted with a situation so grave as the present shortage of Army nurses, Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, has declared.

General Kirk voiced high praise of the work of the Army nurse both in this country and on the fighting fronts, but said they "need help now."

"The shortages of nurses in the Army is acute and growing more so every day," he stated.

The Surgeon General said that 40,000 civilian registered nurses in the United States who are eligible for service in the Army Nurse Corps may have been "lulled" by the false impression that is prevalent in certain quarters that the war in Europe is practically over.

"Let me say that if they will examine the casualty lists now being released they will realize that there is a lot of fighting and dying going on in Europe right now," General Kirk asserted. "We are getting calls for more nurses from the European Theater of Operations far in advance of scheduled shipments.

"We are doing everything in our power to see that your sons, your husbands, your brothers and your sweethearts get the finest medical care in the world. We are proud of our record of saving the lives of 97 per cent of the wounded men treated. We want to better that record, but we need help.

"Nursing care, along with front-line surgery, new life-saving drugs and advanced methods of treatment, are the reasons for

this record. To maintain it we need 10,000 more women for the Army Nurse Corps.

"We will not sacrifice the life of a single man. We are stripping hospital installations in this country of nurses so that they can serve overseas where the need is so urgent. However, we cannot afford to take away nursing care from men returned to this country for hospitalization. That is where trained nurses can be used immediately.

"Not since Pearl Harbor have we been confronted with a situation so grave as the present shortage of Army nurses. Never again must it be said that we had 'too little, too late.' We believe that the registered nurses of this country will respond to the call of the noblest of duties—caring for sick and wounded fighting men."

"If you are a registered nurse and not yet 45 years of age apply to The Surgeon General, United States Army, Washington 25, D.C., or to any Red Cross Procurement Office."

ARMY NURSE'S PRAYER

Father, the soldier seems close to You,
I wonder if his hours on earth are few;
His manly face is hot and red,
Seems I see angels around his bed.
Help me to keep him safe lest I should fail
My pledge of love to Florence Nightingale.
If he should die then I will know
You called him home 'cause You loved him so;

But, Father, ere he goes to rest
Help me to know I have done my best.

—Edith Aynes.

"GREETINGS" FROM
PAULINE MITCHELL

A very lovely Christmas Card was addressed to the Editor of the B.B.B. with a message from Pauline Mitchell, Ward 12, Fitzsimons General Hospital, who was a former member of the Army Nurse Corps stationed at Brooke. The message follows:

"Greetings"

And to tell you how much I've enjoyed the B.B.B. this past year.

There are several from Fort Sam here now and it's enjoyed by all from General Quade down.

My best wishes to all at Brooke General Hospital.

/s/ Pauline Mitchell
ANC, Retired.

Remember to send your Contribution to the Infantile Paralysis Fund or drop it in any of the numerous bottles provided at various counters and sections of Brooke